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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Wong *et al.*

Serial No. 09/160,635

Filed: September 24, 1998

For: **IMPROVED FORMULATION  
FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE  
OF DRUGS BY COMBINING  
HYDROPHILIC AND  
HYDROPHOBIC AGENTS**

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) Group No.: 1617

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) Examiner: Webman, E.

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2001. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) accompanies this amendment, thereby making this a timely response.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the amended claim set below, cancelling without prejudice or disclaimer the indicated claims, and give favorable consideration to the remarks herein.